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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 4696

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISTANBUL AIRPORT TERRORISTS' TRIAL

REF: STATE 294988

1. TRIAL BROUGHT INTO OPEN NO NEW INFORMATION ON NATURE OF GROUP NOR ON GOVERNMENTS WHICH CONDONED OR AIDED IN INCIDENT. PRESS REPORTS ON TERRORIST ATTACK AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT BASED ON INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED FROM POLICE OR PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INDICATED ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY GEORGE HABBASH LED PALESTINIAN LIBERATION GROUP (ISTANBUL 3109, ISTANBUL 3110). PROSECUTOR'S ORIGINAL INDICTMENT ON MURDER CHARGE MADE SAME CONNECTION STATING THAT TERRORISTS WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF "PALESTINIAN PEOPLES LIBERATION ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE HABBASH LIBERATION ORGANIZATION" INDICTMENT FURTHER STATED THAT THIS GROUP'S CENTRAL OFFICE WAS LOCATED IN RABATIYE, A TOWN IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE LEADER OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS GEORGE HABBASH.

2. WITHOUT GIVING THEIR POINT OF DEPARTURE, PROSECUTOR'S INDICTMENT STATED THAT TWO TERRORISTS CAME TO LIBYA ENROUTE TO TURKEY WITH A PERSON NAMED EBUHALIT (ABUKHALID) AND STAYED AT THE TRIPOLI HOTEL. IT
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FURTHER STATED THAT IN TRIPOLI EBUHALIT GAVE THEM THEIR WEAPONS

AND PLANE TICKETS FOR ISTANBUL VIA ROME.

3. DEFER TO TRIPOLI FOR ANY INFORMATION ADDITIONAL TO THAT ALREADY
REPORTED (TRIPOLI 1119 ON ROLE PLAYED BY LIBYA IN FACILITATING THE
OPERATION. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US HERE THAT
ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT ASSISTED THE TERRORISTS TO CARRY OUT ATTACK.

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